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1. During late December, rumors were prevalent in the Slovene Communist Party cells to the effect that Boris Kraigher would soon be tried on charges of Cominformism. Furthermore, Kraigher was being blamed for the failure of the Tito policy in Trieste. Reportedly, he was under UDB surveillance for several months, but it is not known if he has been arrested yet.
2. Heretofore, Cominformists were quietly removed or liquidated, but the Kraigher trial allegedly will mark the start of new Party purges in Slovenia and will be given wide publicity to serve as a warning to other recalcitrants.
3. In view of the proposed amnesty and the eventual dissolution of the Liberation Front, Party cell instructions stress vigilance against any transgressions or attempts to overthrow the regime by Cominform or other elements.
4. Many complaints have been heard in Slovene Communist Party cells that the striking force of the Party is weakened and that many members are guilty of a "bourgeois ideology". Lado Kozak, a Slovene and member of the Central Committee of the Yugoslav Communist Party, recently stated before the Committee that "the Party must be cleansed and aired. If these measures require certain victims, then the step must be taken without hesitation. Necessary amputations must be made if the malady is to be overcome."

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